

Big Tonnage Is Made By Beans From This Area

Shipments from Glades Boost Produce Value To Many Millions

No advantage comes to Stuart from being the terminus of a big canal if it hasn't an ocean port.

through which the traffic of the canal can pass—as it is the canal makes Stuart no more than just one point on it. Likewise there is

no benefit to the towns of the Lake Okeechobee region from the canal as it is.

paign is being carried on to improve the port facilities, and in the course of that campaign the Stuart Junior Chamber of Commerce is compiling figures of

The result of a survey is thus reported by the Stuart Daily News:

"More than thirteen million

dollars worth of citrus and vegetables rolled by freight car last season to eastern markets from 13 counties in the 'zone of influence' of the Stuart-Fort Myers

waterway, according to figures supplied Stuart Junior Chamber of Commerce today by Frank H. Scruggs, market data specialist of the Florida State Marketing

"Figures compiled by the State show that 15,609 carloads of citrus and produce were shipped from 14 counties which could

logically use the cross-State waterway for shipment to the eastern seaboard. Valuation of the produce was placed at \$13,126,381. "The 'zone of influence' in-

cludes these counties directly on the canal route: Martin, Palm Beach, Hendry, Lee, Sarasota, Glades and Okeechobee, and these counties which are adjacent, and

could take advantage of water-borne freight possibilities: Hillsborough, Manatee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Collier.

These figures represent only freight movement by rail for perishable produce, a portion of which, it is believed, could be diverted to the canal by establishment of refrigerated storage.

"Palm Beach county alone, with its rich Everglades basin bordering the canal route on Lake Okechobee's rim, shipped 2,557,000

"Sarasota county shipped 1,405. Hillsborough county sent 1,921 carloads of produce to market by rail. Truck shipments, perhaps

20 per cent more, have not been compiled, and no data is yet available on the freight movement of staple or miscellaneous commodities which could be moved with-

"This would include general freight shipments, seeds, fertilizers, and the movement of heavy freight. To compile accurate data,

trained economic investigators would be required with the power and the pocketbook of the government behind them.

from the above figures are the hundreds of carloads of raw sugar which are shipped annually from the largest sugar mill in the United States at Clewiston.

"Congressmen for the districts embracing this 'zone of influence' will be asked immediately to use their influence toward securing a federal investigation of potential-

ities of the route, with the twofold purpose of deepening the canal proper, and widening and deepening St. Lucie inlet, "Atlantic Gateway" of the artery."

**ROAD DEPARTMENT GETS
PLANNING BOARD DUTIES**
Tallahassee, June 11.—Governor

Cone said today the State Planning Board's work would be continued even though the Legislature did not appropriate funds for its administration.

The Governor said he expected the State Road Department to assume the board's duties, but without additional expense to the State except for one secretary.

The board had \$25,000 annually for expenses during the past two years.

The Legislature didn't repeal the law that established the plan-

Chairman A. B. Hale of the State Road Department is a mem-

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Recent Operations

By Paul Rardin

"It's okeh with me," he said
"see some of you fellows again in
1938."

"Those" were the words of Gov-
ernor Fred P. Cone when a com-
mittee of three from the House of
Representatives walked into his
office at 11:30 p. m. on the night
of June 4th and informed him that
the body had finished his work and
was ready to adjourn. Twenty-
five minutes later Speaker W.
McCl. Christie, with a smile of sat-
isfaction on his face, dropped the
gavel which brought to a close the
1937 session of the House.

Naturally, I think that accom-
plishments of the session were sat-
isfactory to all concerned. Dur-
ing the days since adjournment I
have read with interest many state
newspapers and from them I find
that editors throughout the state
think about like I do. And you can
rest assured that in case there
was something terrible done by the
Legislature that it would have
been carried on the front page of
every daily in the state before
now.

Among the outstanding accom-
plishments of the recent session
was the provision for old age pen-
sions. Nearly four million dollars
was set aside to take care of this
most worthy cause. "We can't al-
be rich but it is a just government
that will provide for the com-
fort of helpless old age de-
pendents, widows and orphans, who
cannot help themselves. This par-
ticular sort of relief has been
overlooked far too long, and it is
to be hoped that the proper meas-
ures will soon be set up and put
into operation to render aid to
those who actually live on their
upon old age and the unfortunate
with the most profound respect
and reverence. People in mature
years are interesting, at least
honorable. They deserve kindness,
comfort and peace in their de-
clining years, and I am sure that
the fact that I had something to
do with providing this fund which
will bring some degree of inde-
pendence to the people of the
State of Florida.

The session enacted into law
many noteworthy bills. For ex-
ample, the schools of the state
will be provided with more than
\$11,000,000 annually for the next
two years. If any
department of state government
needs and deserves ample funds
with which to operate, it is the
school system. One-half cent of
the gasoline tax was voted to the
school fund and this amount with
money from the state treasury will
guarantee schools of Florida an
ample amount of money on which
to operate effectively. And right
here I would like to say that at
the head of the school system in
Florida is a man who actually
knows his business and a man who
is deeply interested in the boys
and girls of the state. Colin Eng-
lish, state superintendent, is one
leader in whom the teachers and
instructors of the state can place
their confidence. He has worked
unflinchingly since taking office, to
bring about many needed reforms
in the school system and is gain-
ing his objective gradually.

One bill that went the way of
many others—into discard—was
one which would have provided for
a state highway patrol. I was in-
terested in establishment of such
a patrol but it didn't work out.
However, in Palm Beach county
we have an efficient patrol unit
and the guidance and direction of
Sheriff Hiram Lawrence. He has
plans for an honest and efficient
patrol in the future and I'll venture
a guess that before many months
roll around that other counties in
the state will be copying the plan
as inaugurated by our sheriff.

In the House alone there were
2006 bills introduced and for the
life of me I couldn't tell you how
many were enacted into law. I
would guess that not much more
than one-third of them were acted
upon during the session. In 60 days
it is impossible to consider such
a large batch of bills. Young Mor-
row and I took care of several
only bills for Palm Beach county.

Only time will tell how well the
people of Palm Beach county be-
lieve they were represented at the
session just closed but here and now,

now, for a matter of record, Palm
Beach county was represented
every minute of the 60 days that
the House was in session. Tele-
phone calls just naturally took up
a lot of time but Representative
Morrow and I had a working
agreement. Whenever he was out
of the chamber I remained
until his return. And vice versa
it was a pleasure to work with
this able young attorney from the
coast and I feel sure the people of
Palm Beach county made no mis-
take when they sent him to Tal-
lahassee.

I picked up the Palm Beach
Post the other day and found an
interview Mr. Morrow had given
on his return to the county. In
order that you may know what
he thought of the session the in-
terview is reproduced below:

Pleased with the general busi-
ness like dispatch with which the
Legislature handled its session,
Russell Morrow, one of the two
Palm Beach county representa-
tives, returned Thursday to his law
office in West Palm Beach to re-
sume his interrupted private prac-
tice.

The fact that there were com-
paratively few laws enacted ap-
peared as an excellent omen to the
young legislator, who reviewed
the bills to the Palm Beach Post high
points in the session, which was
his maiden one in office. He did
not hold the definite belief that
no extra sessions would be called,
owing to the fact that a number
of good bills were left hanging
from lack of time.

Outstanding among the meas-
ures to which the representative
pointed with pride as an achieve-
ment of the Legislature was the
bill providing for an amendment
which would make the schools on
a parity with other state institu-
tions and allow them to share in
a pro rata part of general fund
money. He expressed the hope and
expectation that the amendment
would pass, adding that it was
the most forward looking legisla-
tion enacted on behalf of the
schools. Another bill of great im-
portance to the schools that he
mentioned was the setting up of
a one-half cent surtax on the gaso-
line tax for the school. He expressed
gratification at being named one
of a committee of three representa-
tives and two senators to codify
the school laws.

Among the bills of special im-
portance locally he outlined were
Establishment of a flat fee of \$10
for filing suits in circuit court;
to have and \$5 in county court;
enabling county commission to own
and operate an airport; keeping of
county registration books open
until 20 days before an election
with re-registration in 1938; ad-
vancement of primary from June
to May.

Local measures to which he
had a special part included pas-
sage of the bill to prevent com-
mercialization of mills in Palm
Beach, Dade and Broward coun-
ties; compromise measure for tax
on boats by adding on tax cer-
tificates and redemption by own-
er within a year at bid value; bill
governing illegal fishing in Lake
Worth.

The representative expressed
disappointment at the failure of
the measure to remove married women's legal
disabilities; to provide for drivers
license, owing to the fact that it
was tied up with the patrol bill;
the firemen's pension act; any
act to run the cattle off the high-
way in regard to the latter he
expressed the hope that the next
Legislature would find many of
the legislators free from platform
promises regarding the no fence
laws.

In regard to his stand on the
Florida Flood Recovery Act,
now a dead issue, Representative
Morrow stated that, opponents of
the bill did not understand it
fully. He explained that it was de-
signed merely to prevent unjust
monopolies, comparing it to the
Sherman Anti-Trust laws; and
maintained that with the amend-
ments some of which he proposed,
it would not have driven, any busi-
ness that was not unjustly mono-
polistic out of the State.

NEGRO HELD FOR MURDER
After an inquest in West Palm
Beach yesterday Alonzo Jones, a
Pahokee negro, was held, without
bond, on a charge of killing his
wife at Pahokee Sunday with a
knife. After the affray the woman
was taken to Palm Ridge hospital
where she died. Alonzo left Pa-
hokee. Two days later, near In-
diantown, he asked a white mar-
shal for a ride and the man turned
out to be a Martin county officer
who was looking for him. The
officer took the negro to West
Palm Beach. To identify him,
Alonzo was brought to Pahokee
Wednesday and then returned to
West Palm Beach. The inquest was
held at the county seat because
the death occurred there. The
woman was employed by Dr. H.
K. Elmer, who is the leading law-
yer in the Graham quarters.

A few hours before the woman
was injured Alonzo had had him-
self arrested by a Pahokee police
officer, it is said. The knife with
which she was attacked was nei-

SPILLING THE BEANS

By Howard Sharp

Two men worked for a railroad
company in Scotland, they were
poor men but the nephew of one
of them became prime minister
of Great Britain and the son of
the other rose to control a great
fortune that enabled him to give
a national library to Scotland
and he was made a baronet. It
was Sir Alexander Grant, son of
the railroad worker, who was able
to give his friend Ramsey Mac-
donald an estate of \$200,000 from
the income of which the former
prime minister lives in comfort in
retirement.

Mussolini the ruler of Italy
was the son of a village black-
smith; he was the editor of a So-
cialist daily paper for several
years after his discharge from
the army. Hitler the dictator of
Germany is not a native of Ger-
many; he is an Austrian, and a
reminder has been given, was a
painter and a paper-hanger—
and a poor one at that. It would
be tiresome to list all of the men
of "European" worlding great power
who were the sons of poor parents.
What is more pertinent is to say
that such education as they have
they gave themselves.

There are two great illusions in
the United States. One of these
is that there are few opportuni-
ties for sons of common people
in Europe, or elsewhere in the
world, for that matter. The other
is that a graduation from a uni-
versity is necessary for success. If
either of these were ever true
and both may have been true at
one time neither is true now.

There are some of us who like
to listen in on the radio to Lowell
Thomas and Amos an' Andy and
Lini an' Abner and Boske Carter
and before the "daylight-saving hour"
system came in, the first of these
was had at 6:45, the next at 7;
and then Lini an' Abner at 7:30
and Carter at 7:45. All of these
can be had on the standard band
in the winter season. It is rare
that any of them can be had even
on short-wave now. But on short-
wave, London, Paris, Berlin,
Madrid and Moscow can be heard.
The American stations fail to give
what the European stations give.

A good many of us do not like
the idea of government operation
like to think that "individual
initiative" gives the best result.
It is in corporation initia-
tive. If there is any initiative at
all. But the foreign government
controlled radio gives the best
service. And I don't like it, and
I think something should be done
about it. Some of the great
American daily newspapers own
and operate broadcasting stations,
and some corporations that manufac-
ture radio receiving sets. But they
cannot (or do not fix it so) I can
hear programs from American
stations as well as I can hear pro-
grams from European govern-
ment stations. This does not speak
well for "individual initiative"
(or corporate initiative) in the
United States.

There is a lot of hokey about
men in high position in the United
States who rose from low position,
and it is tiresome because so much
of it doesn't tell, for instance,
whose daughter the "poor" boy
married, or record that his wife
was a rich widow. A secretary of
war told about starting his career
as errand-boy in a bank—without
explaining that his father owned
the bank and the errand-boy job
was for only a few weeks. The
American ambassador to an Euro-
pean government holds that posi-
tion because the wealth of the
widow he married enabled him
to make a heavy contribution to
a campaign fund.

Several states of affairs are
being reversed. One is that "poor
boys" are not making their way
to high positions in the United
States as they used to, and "poor
girls" are becoming men of great
power in the governments of
regular countries of the world.
"Poor boys" are, wasting time in
universities in the United States
failing to get contact with the
realities of the changing world.
Emphasis on athletics in the
American school system is
diverting boys of ability to sports,
and emphasis on university train-
ing is producing such an abun-
dant class of lawyers that lawyers
look for their best fees from
clients who are gang leaders or
leaders of great corporations. The
"poor boys" who are making their
way in the world are the corrupt
political leaders, the gang leaders,
the corrupt corporate officials who
learned practical trades in the
mills and factories.

There is a smug self-sufficiency
in the United States that does not
promise well for this country. The
Japanese regard the idea that
they were inferior, and they start-
ed doing something about it with
the result that their manufactur-

ers had the textile manufacturers
of the United States saying
"Uncle!" Italy demanded some-
thing—it happened to be Ethiopia
—and got it. The success of the
Russians in making something
better of themselves is well
known.

This may be far-fetched, the
apprehensions may be without
basis, and yet there may be sub-
stance in it. Germany excelled in
subsidies; America makes the
best cheap car but when Ameri-
cans want a superior car they buy
one of foreign make—and "wre-
cked" was the discovery of an Ital-
ian and developed by Britons. The
best type of immigrants stopped
coming to the United States a
generation ago; we get as immi-
grants now Mexican peons and the
lowest class of people from else-
where in the world. We spend more
money on education than any
country in the world and our per-
centage of illiteracy is high. And
I get foreign political propaganda
on the radio and can't get Lum an'
Abner!

TOO LATE
TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay

I wonder if some of these enter-
prising country editors realize what
a lot of damage they can really
do when they take their trusty
typewriter in hand and pound out
some seemingly harmless local
story.

Durin' the late legislative ses-
sion I was too busy ploughin' thru
a lot of political war news to pay
very much attention to the local
items in state papers, but last
week, with the legislature out of
the way, I draped my hind legs
over the corner of the desk and
began scribblin' thru the "weekly
papers" real careful to see what I
could find.

Everything was alright until I
picked up a copy of the Moore
Haven Democrat an' began read-
ing a couple of columns of hair-
raising narratives about a riot that
was goin' on in Lake Okechobee
between the fish and the fisher-
men that made the Spanish War
and the steel strike look like a
Peace Conference.

According to Editor Carr Settle,
a guy just naturally took his life
in his hands when he ventured out
on the lake with a light castin'
rod and a wooden minnow. The
case shows, he said, how "slip-
pery" the lake is, and how "slip-
pery" their tails and swamp the boat.
They smashed your tackle, then
played leap-frog over the lily pads
and gave you, the grand naps-
berry.

Nobody but a assy kept any fish
that weighed less than 10 pounds
and they were considerate equip-
ping their boats with trailers in order
to bring back the day's catch.

Well, I picked up a couple more
papers and tried to rest 'em, but
it was no use. I just had to quit
and go home and pack my fishin'
tackle in the car, get out my old
clothes, bid the family a fond fare-
well and head in the general di-
rection of Moore Haven.

I stopped in LaBelle, where I
found Kit Bowden humped over a
typewriter grindin' out another
one of vicious fish tales for the
readers of the Hendry County
News; and he swore the afore-
mentioned was all true only the half hadn't
been told.

Red Edgerton of the Western
Newspaper Union blew into town
about the same time I did and
he arranged a fishin' trip
for us, sending his best linotype
operator Pope along to act as host
and turned us over to the best
guide on the lake—a fellow named
Mac, who certainly knew his stuff.

We all piled into the car and
started out to Jones Platin' camp,
where you get boots, kickers and
the block and tackle if necessary.
On the way out there was a flock
of blue-eyed woodpeckers, and I
tossin' a picket line on the high-
way. I tried to sneak around 'em
but managed to collect enough
bribe to put out one light and
crumple up a fender.

Well, Jones turned out to be a
regular guy. He had a bunch of
nice clean boats and some run-
ning kickers. It looked like pretty
good fishin' ground to me, right
about the camp, but Mac said
there wasn't nothing but little
ones there—just six or eight
pounders—and we'd better go on
for Lake Okechobee, a place to Hooker's
Point and around the mouth of the
creek.

He said there wasn't any hurry
about gettin' started because the
moon wouldn't be south for a
couple of hours, and I'm here
to tell you that guy knew his horo-
scope, or astrology or whatever
they call it. The science—for the
cockered fish never paid up a bit
of mind until along about three
o'clock when the moon got in
proper position.

Then hell just naturally broke
loose. I never saw anything like
it. I tossed my minnow in a nest
of lily pads and for a minute I
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turn in August or September. H.

John T. Pickett, a civil engineer long a resident of the Glades

row, long a resident of this community, was near death at Wed-

Where the Trade Winds Blow

late R. M. Baker, who ran the Highway store in 1924.

your pen in hand
or sit down at your



ER GRAM ABOUT SUMMER TIME FLORIDA

ner said he got homesick, tha

Almost every resident of Florida knows someone in other parts of the country who should receive a *Summer-gram* with a message

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